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Honorable James H. Welsh, Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Alternate Unit Wells Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A CV RA SUU, CV RA SUT and CV RA SUS Holly Field DeSoto Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of WINCHESTER PRODUCTION COMPANY, (Applicant), to the Commissioner of Conservation for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Winchester Production Co. Burford 23 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for the production of gas and condensate for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, in the unit designated CV RA SUU, shown on the attached plat and being made a part hereof, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 88-E Series of Office of Conservation orders.
- 2. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Winchester Production Co. Smith 23 No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well for the production of gas and condensate for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, in the unit designated CV RA SUT, shown on the attached plat and being made a part hereof, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 88-E Series of Office of Conservation orders.
- 3. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Winchester Production Co. Smith 24 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for the production of gas and condensate for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, in the unit designated CV RA SUS, shown on the attached plat and being made a part hereof, in exception to the spacing provisions of the 88-E Series of Office of Conservation orders.

- 4. To find that an alternate unit well is needed on each unit to assist in the efficient and effective drainage of the unit that cannot be drained by any other well located therein.
- 5. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem pertinent and appropriate.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective February 1, 1975.

The pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of Bob F. Anderson, PE, Inc., 400 Travis Street, Suite 209, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Bob Anderson 318/425-4230 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data that is otherwise not available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

The subject matter of this application does not require a pre-application notice.

Pursuant to the revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this notice of this intended application is being sent. A copy of this letter and the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and the Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

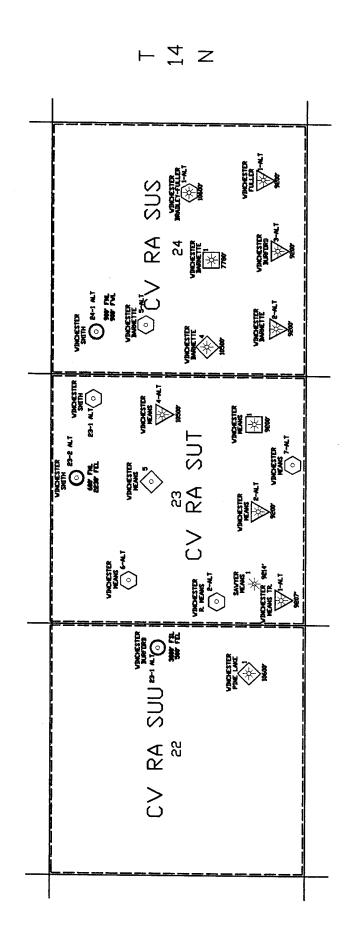
Attached is our check, made payable to the Office of Conservation, to cover the applicable hearing fee.

Yours truly,

B. F. Anderson, PE for

WINCHESTER PRODUCTION COMPANY

cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager Shreveport District Office of Conservation Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties Winchester Production Company



WINCHESTER PRODUCTION CO.

HOLLY FIELD DESDTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT VELLS
AT EXCEPTIONAL LUCATIONS

CV RA SUS; SMITH ETAL 24-1 ALT.

CV RA SUT; SMITH 23-2 ALT.

CV RA SUU; BURFORD 22-1 ALT.

EXISTING ALTERNATE UNIT VELL CHOSS RAD

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT VELL (CV RA)

EXISTING 640 AC. CV RA SAND UNIT

EXISTING ALTERNATE UNIT VELL (CV RA)

EXISTING UNIT VELL (CV RA)

* EXISTING UNIT VELL CHOSS RAD

EXHIBIT NO.1